

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

REZULIN PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION (MDL No. 1348)

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This Document Relates to: All Cases

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**AMENDED**  
**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 3**  
(Confidentiality Order)

LEWIS A. KAPLAN, *District Judge.*

To expedite the flow of discovery material, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality, adequately protect material entitled to be kept confidential, and ensure that protection is afforded only to material so entitled, pursuant to the Court's authority under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), it is hereby:

**ORDERED**, as follows with respect to documents and things produced or made available for inspection and designation for copying by defendant Warner-Lambert Company ("Warner-Lambert"), Parke-Davis, an unincorporated division of Warner-Lambert Company, and all others associated with them (collectively known as "Warner-Lambert Defendants"):

- 1. Nondisclosure of Confidential Documents.** Except with the prior consent of the Warner-Lambert Defendants, no Confidential Document, as hereinafter defined, or the substance of such Confidential Document, may be disclosed to any person except as provided in paragraph 4.
- 2. Definitions**

**2.1** For purposes of this Order, the term “document” means all written, recorded, or graphic material, whether produced or created by a party or another person, and whether produced pursuant to Rule 34, subpoena, by agreement, or otherwise. Interrogatory answers, responses to requests for admission, responses to requests for production, deposition transcripts and exhibits, pleadings, motions, affidavits, and briefs that quote, summarize, or contain materials entitled to protection may be accorded status as a Confidential Document as provided herein, but, to the extent feasible, shall be prepared in such a manner that the confidential information is bound separately from that not entitled to protection.

**2.2** In order to facilitate expedited production of documents, the term “Confidential Document,” during the period from the date of this order to and including March 15, 2001, means any document produced by the Warner-Lambert Defendants which bears the legend (or which shall otherwise have had the legend recorded upon it in a way that brings it to the attention of a reasonable examiner) “Confidential - Subject to Protective Order” or “Confidential - Subject to Protective Order in Rezulin® Related Litigation” (hereinafter “Confidentiality Legend”) and the date to signify that it contains information believed to be subject to protection under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (c). Commencing promptly after the date of this order, the Warner-Lambert Defendants shall review all documents produced by it for the purpose of limiting the documents as to which confidential treatment is sought to those as to which the Warner-Lambert Defendants, after such review, contend in good faith that the document contains trade secrets or other information as to which there is good cause for confidential treatment. On or before March 15, 2001, the Warner-Lambert Defendants will furnish to the PEC one or more CD-ROMs containing images of all documents theretofore produced by it in which only images of documents for which confidential treatment is claimed after the review

contemplated by the preceding sentence shall bear the Confidentiality Legend. From the date on which such CD-ROM or CD-ROMs are furnished to the PEC, the term “Confidential Document” shall be limited to documents designated therein which bear the Confidentiality Legend.

### **3. Redaction of Documents**

**3.1** Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, the Warner-Lambert Defendants may redact from any Confidential Document any trade secrets or other highly confidential research, development or commercial information, including but not limited to:

- (1) specific dollar amounts;
- (2) specific manufacturing dimensions or tolerances;
- (3) chemical formulas or methods of synthesization;
- (4) specific product specifications including, but not limited to, information relating to software object and source codes;
- (5) specific customer or supplier identities;
- (6) manufacturing methods and processes; and
- (7) names and any information that would identify clinical trial subjects or patients (other than the parties) referred to in adverse reaction reports, product experience reports, consumer complaints and other similar data and any third party involved with such subjects or patients, including but not limited to a physician or hospital or other institution.

**3.2** Upon request, the attorney members of the PEC may inspect, on an “attorneys’ eyes only” basis, material redacted pursuant to this paragraph. If there is a dispute

whether any redacted material qualifies for redaction under this paragraph, counsel may move for a ruling, which may require this Court's *in camera* inspection of a document on the issue of whether certain information is entitled to redaction.

**3.3** Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, the parties recognize that when large volumes of documents are provided to counsel for inspection and designation for copying, the documents may not have yet been reviewed for confidentiality purposes, and the Warner-Lambert Defendants reserve the right to so designate and redact appropriate documents after they are designated by the parties for copying. During the inspection process, all documents reviewed by the parties' counsel shall be treated as Confidential Documents.

**4. Permissible Disclosures.** Notwithstanding paragraph 1, Confidential Documents may be disclosed to counsel for the parties in this action who are actively engaged in the conduct of this lawsuit; to the partners, associates, secretaries, paralegal assistants, and employees of such counsel to the extent reasonably necessary to render professional services in the lawsuit; to persons with prior knowledge of the documents or the confidential information contained therein, and their agents; and to court officials involved in this lawsuit (including court reporters, persons operating video recording equipment at depositions, and any special master appointed by the Court). Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c), such documents may also be disclosed:

- a. to any person designated by the Court in the interest of justice, upon such terms as the Court may deem proper;
- b. to persons noticed for depositions or designated as trial witnesses to the extent reasonably necessary in preparing to testify; to outside consultants, co-counsel or experts retained for the purpose of assisting counsel in the lawsuit; to third parties

engaged solely in one or more aspects of organizing, filing, coding, converting, storing, or retrieving data or designing programs for handling data connected with this lawsuit, including the performance of such duties in relation to a computerized litigation support system; provided, however, that in all such cases the individual to whom disclosure is to be made under this subparagraph (b) has signed the Agreement to Maintain Confidentiality in the form attached hereto, which shall be maintained by the PEC and, if requested, submitted to the Court for *in camera* review;

c. to representatives of the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), or, if pursuant to subpoena, to any other government agency. Prior to any such disclosure, the PEC or other disclosing person must advise the government agency or representatives thereof receiving the disclosure of the provisions of this Order.

d. Before disclosing a Confidential Document to any person listed in subparagraph (a)-(b) who is a competitor (or an employee of or consultant to a competitor) of the Warner-Lambert Defendants and/or Pfizer Inc., or any governmental representative pursuant to subparagraph (c), the parties shall give at least ten days' advance notice in writing to the Warner-Lambert Defendants, stating the names and addresses of the person(s) to whom the disclosure will be made, and stating the purposes of such disclosure. If, within the ten-day period, a motion is filed objecting to the proposed disclosure, disclosure is not permissible until and unless the Court denies such motion.

e. Documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL and produced in this matter may also be disclosed to counsel representing plaintiffs in other Rezulin-related litigations against Warner-Lambert, if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) counsel receiving CONFIDENTIAL documents pursuant to this paragraph must in writing
  - (i) agree to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order, and
  - (ii) submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for purposes of enforcement of this Protective Order against them; and
- (2) a protective order of confidentiality on substantially identical terms to this one, or on such other terms as Warner-Lambert may agree to, shall have been entered in each pending case in which such counsel wishes to use documents disclosed under this paragraph; and
- (3) counsel receiving CONFIDENTIAL documents pursuant to this paragraph agree to stipulate promptly to entry of a protective order of confidentiality on substantially identical terms as this one, or on such other terms as Warner-Lambert may agree to, in any new cases that they may bring relating to Rezulin in which they seek to use any such documents.

**5. Challenges to Confidentiality Designations.** The parties may apply to the Court for a ruling that a document (or category of documents) designated as a Confidential Document(s) is not entitled to such status and protection. Before any such application is filed, counsel for the parties shall attempt to resolve the issue through discussions. If such discussions are unsuccessful and the parties file an application, the Warner-Lambert Defendants shall be given notice of the application and an opportunity to respond. To maintain confidential status, the proponent of confidentiality must show by a preponderance of the evidence that there is good cause for the

document to have such protection.

## **6 Confidential Information in Depositions.**

**6.1** A deponent may during the deposition be shown and examined about Confidential Documents pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4(b). Deponents shall not be entitled to retain permanently or copy portions of the transcripts of their depositions that contain confidential information not provided by them or the entities they represent, but shall instead be required to return that information to counsel at the conclusion of the litigation, unless they sign the form described in paragraph 4(b). A deponent who is not a party or a representative of a party shall be furnished a copy of this Order before being examined about, or asked to produce, potentially Confidential Documents.

**6.2** Parties (and deponents) may, within thirty days after receiving a deposition, designate pages of a transcript (and exhibits thereto) as confidential. Confidential information within the deposition transcript may be designated by underlining the portions of the pages that are confidential and marking such pages with the following or similar legend: “Confidential--Subject to Protective Order.” Until expiration of the thirty day period, the entire deposition will be treated as subject to protection against disclosure under this Order. If no party or deponent timely designates confidential information in a deposition, then none of the transcript or its exhibits will be treated as confidential; if a timely designation is made, the confidential portions and exhibits shall be filed under seal separate from the portions and exhibits not so marked.

**6.3** The provisions of paragraph 5 above shall apply in the event a party opposes the post-deposition designation of materials or testimony as confidential.

**7. Confidential Information at Trial or Hearing.** Subject to the Federal Rules of Evidence, Confidential Documents and other confidential information may be offered in evidence

at trial or any court hearing, provided that the proponent of the evidence gives ten days' advance notice to the Warner-Lambert Defendants. Any party may move the court for an Order that the evidence be received *in camera* or under other conditions to prevent unnecessary disclosure. The court will then determine whether the proffered evidence should continue to be treated as confidential information and, if so, what protection, if any, may be afforded to such information at trial.

**8. Subpoenae by Other Courts or Agencies.** If another court or an administrative agency subpoenas or orders production of Confidential Documents that the parties have obtained under the terms of this Order, the parties shall promptly notify the Warner-Lambert Defendants of the pendency of such subpoena or order.

**9. Filing.** Confidential Documents need not be filed with the clerk except when required in connection with motions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 or 56 or other matters pending before the court. If filed, they shall be filed under seal and shall remain sealed while in the office of the clerk so long as they retain their status as Confidential Documents.

**9. Client Consultations.** Nothing in this Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel from rendering advice to their clients and, in the course thereof, relying generally on examination of Confidential Documents; provided, however, that in rendering such advice and otherwise communicating with such clients, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any item so designated except pursuant to the procedures of paragraph 4 (b) and (c).

**10. Use.** Persons obtaining access to Confidential Documents under this Order shall use the information only for preparation and trial of cases docketed in MDL 1348 (including trials, appeals and retrials of such cases after remand to a transferor court), and shall not use such information for any other purpose, including business, governmental, commercial, administrative, or

judicial proceedings.

**11. Non-Termination.** The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this action. This Order shall remain in full force and effect and each person subject to this Order shall continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of enforcement of the confidentiality terms of this Order. Within 120 days after final conclusion of all aspects of this lawsuit, Confidential Documents and all copies of same (other than exhibits of record) shall be returned to the Warner-Lambert Defendants, at its cost or, at the option of the Warner-Lambert Defendants, destroyed. All counsel of record shall make certification of compliance herewith and shall deliver the same to counsel for the Warner-Lambert Defendants not more than 150 days after final conclusion of this litigation.

**12. Modification Permitted.** Nothing in this Order shall prevent a party from seeking modification of this Order, or from objecting to discovery that it believes otherwise to be improper.

**13. Responsibility of Attorneys.** The attorneys of record are responsible for employing reasonable measures, consistent with this Order, to control duplication of, access to, and distribution of copies of Confidential Documents. Parties shall not duplicate any Confidential Document except working copies and for filing in court under seal. All copies made of Confidential Documents shall bear the confidential designation.

**14. No Waiver.**

**14.1** Review of the Confidential Documents and information by counsel, experts, or consultants for the litigants in the lawsuit shall not waive the confidentiality of the documents or objections to production.

**14.2** The inadvertent, unintentional, or *in camera* disclosure of Confidential Documents and information shall not, under any circumstances, be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any party's claims of confidentiality.

**15.** Nothing contained in this Protective Order and no action taken pursuant to it shall prejudice the right of any party to contest the alleged confidentiality, relevancy, admissibility, or discoverability of the Confidential Documents and information sought.

**16.** No document shall be deemed Confidential under this order if it has been produced as non-confidential, by agreement or court order, in any other case.

**17.** This Protective Order will bind parties and their counsel in all cases docketed in MDL 1348 and will remain in effect in all such cases after remand to transferor courts

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 13, 2000

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Lewis A. Kaplan  
United States District Judge

